

REMARKS

Recitations of "wherein" in multiparagraph claims have been revised to add colons, to improve grammar. Also independent claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 have been amended to refer to "a value obtained by performing..." to clarify aspects of these claims. It is believed that all of the amendments are non-narrowing.

Prompt favorable examination, based on the claims listed above, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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